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1. On 26 March 1951, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., one biplane and 42 single-engine ground attack aircraft were parked in front of the hangars at Koethen (N 52/D 95) airfield. The twin-engine planes with nose wheels which were previously observed at the field were not longer seen. The ground attack aircraft were low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, three-bladed propellers, tapering wings with rounded wing tips and two-seater cockpit with a machine gun pointing to the rear. No sheet metal cover was seen on the landing gear. The planes were painted gray                      25X1  
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2. There was no flying. The weather was hazy. Some of the hangars were open but their interior could not be seen. About 30 bombs were piled up near the bomb dump on the southern edge of the field although many empty bomb cases were scattered about. A railroad tank car was seen on the spur track.

- \*                      Comment. The description indicates that the planes were IL-2s and not IL-10s. One ground attack regiment and elements of an air reconnaissance regiment are believed to be stationed in Koethen. The aircraft of the air reconnaissance regiment, which were mainly seen in joint maneuvers with artillery units, are probably IL-2s or IL-10s. 25X1

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